Containing Heart Disease and Cancer

*453. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation has predicted that heart disease will double and cancer rate will triple in India by 2015;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any concrete steps to contain the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) WHO has estimated that Cardio-Vascular Diseases will increase to twice the current level and Cancer will increase to 2.5 times the current level in the period 1990-2020.

The Government has undertaken Pilot Project on Cardio-Vascular Disease Programme in five States to assess the level of awareness and risk factors in selected population. The Government has also launched the following scheme under National Cancer Control Programme for early detection, creating awareness and treatment of cancer:

1. Upgradation of regional Cancer Centres in various States/UTs.
2. Development of Oncology Wing in identified Medical Colleges/ Hospitals
3. Setting up of Cobalt Therapy facilities in various parts of the country.
4. District Cancer Control Programme.
5. Financial assistance to NGOs for early detection and awareness activities.

Fee Concession for SC/ST students

*454. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is provision of fee concession for SC/ST students in colleges under Delhi University;

(b) if so, whether full fee is being received from these students on the plea